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Mr. Peter Smith, Chair
GO Transit
20 Bay Street, Suite 600
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Dear Mr. Smith:

As you know, there has been considerable public concern about the air-rail link component of the GO Georgetown-Weston Corridor improvements, and the associated Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Local public concern among members of the Weston community has been escalating.

Please find enclosed a copy of a request from the Honourable Joe Cordiano, MPP, York South – Weston, on behalf of his community, encouraging me to reclassify the GO Georgetown-Weston Corridor Environmental Assessment (EA) to an individual EA. It is an issue of considerable concern for Mr. Cordiano's constituents.

In recognition of this request and of community concerns, I am requesting that the GO Board consider, as per Section 5.1 of the GO Transit Class EA document, that the project be reclassified or "bumped-up" to an individual EA. By undertaking an individual EA, GO will be well positioned to address the concerns of the public.

I would like to thank GO Transit for their efforts with respect to local issues surrounding this EA and remind you that the province remains committed to the expansion of GO Transit to meet the needs of the Greater Toronto region.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Harinder S. Takhar in black ink.

Harinder S. Takhar
Minister

Enclosure